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**Between Global and Local – Adult Learning and Communities**

**Adult Education in the Midst of Crises**

Yeditepe University, Istanbul/Turkey

**7-9 September 2023**

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**



### **Adult Education in the Midst of Crises**

It has been more than 10 years since the ESREA Between Global and Local – Adult Learning and Communities network congress was held in Istanbul. Since then, the world has been in struggle with a number of adversities affecting almost every aspect of life.

Never-ending wars, besides having massive economic consequences both on the countries involved and on those who are not, have caused many to lose their lives, to continue their lives with disabilities, or have forced them to flee their countries. As a result of migration, many people face psychological, health, educational, economic and safety problems. The number of international migrants has reached an all-time high with almost 300 million people around the world. Many nations have been affected by this immense human mobility directly or indirectly as a destination, a source or a transit country.

COVID-19 pandemic has also introduced new global inequalities if not intensified the existing ones. It has caused significant loss of life with millions of people, affecting developing countries more severely than high-income ones which have more qualified healthcare systems and better access to vaccines. All social systems collapsed, including education, resulting in increased educational problems. Acknowledged more than a health crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating impacts on the economy increasing poverty and inequalities globally. While millions of people lost their jobs, women and workers in the informal economy have been hit harder.

The ecological crisis is threatening our lives more and more every day. Pollution of air, water and soil, food and water insecurity, disposal of toxic wastes, use of increasing levels of fossil fuels, greenhouse gas emissions and global warming, industrialization of agriculture and animal husbandry, and weather extremes are killing our planet. If necessary precautions are not taken, the world will become less and less livable.

Meanwhile, by being exposed to neoliberal framing, adult education loses its meaning as a theoretical and practical field of social transformation throughout these crises. Neoliberalism reduces adult education to achievement of professional/technical skills and knowledge, whereas historical repertoire in this domain is mainly based on wider, egalitarian and emancipatory

perspectives. Accordingly, neoliberal adult education situates the adult educator as a technical apparatus, whereas adult educators consider themselves as social agents of transformation. In the midst of this age of crises, The Istanbul Conference will be an opportunity to bring adult educators and the ESREA community together, to share ideas, researches, and innovative methods related to the mentioned crises, seeking possible answers to the following questions:

- How is the field of adult education affected by crises?
- What are the changing dynamics of adult learning in times of crisis?
- What are the new learning opportunities and barriers in times of crisis?
- What should be the role of adult education and educators in the midst of crises?
- How should adult educators handle the programs for empowering people against crises?

We are looking forward to this event that is intended to foster high level of exchange and dialogue.

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### **Submission of Abstracts**

The main language of the conference is English; presentations, abstracts and full papers will be in English.

Abstracts should not exceed 500 words including: title; 3–5 keywords; aims/objectives; main perspective or theoretical/conceptual framework; methods, research design, mode of inquiry; data sources or evidence; results and/or conclusions; significance to the field of adult education.

Please submit two separate files for abstracts: one containing only the abstract, and the other including the abstract, your name, email address and your institutional affiliation.

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### **Important Dates**

Deadline for Abstract Submission: **28 April 2023**

Notification of Acceptance: **16 June 2023**

Deadline for Registration: **28 July 2023**

Deadline for Full Paper Submission: **18 August 2023**

Conference Dates: **7-9 September 2023**